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18. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the teeth on the outer faces of the other part are within channels in the arms of the other part.

19. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the respective teeth are arranged so that the two parts of the device are engageable in such a manner that one part is prevented from slipping past the other part in the given direction.

REMARKS

You are requested to reexamine this application, as amended by the preceding amendments.

Claims 13, 16, 17, 18, and 19 have been amended so as to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to improve their syntax.

Claim 13 has been amended so as to overcome the rejections of claims 13 through 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaysing, which is United States Patent No. 2,915,267. In Kaysing, it is important to note that nothing prevents the parts 1, 6, from moving relative to one another in either direction along the cable.

As amended, claim 13 calls for the second part to be slidably attachable to the first part in a given direction along the pipe and, as distinguished from Kaysing, for the first and second parts having co-operating formations limiting movement of the second part relative to the first part, in the given direction along the pipe, once the second part has been slidably attached to the first part.

Applicant submits, therefore, that claim 13, as amended, and its dependent claims are not anticipated by Kaysing but are patentable and should be now allowed.

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13. (Amended) A connecting device suitable for attaching a pipe to a surface comprising a first part fixable to the surface and a second part slidably attachable to the first part in a given [the] direction along [of] the pipe [to a limited extent] and forming an at least partial enclosure for the pipe, the first and second parts having co-operating formations enabling the attachment of the second part to the first part to be selectively adjustable, whereby spacing of the pipe from the surface is adjustable, the first and second parts having co-operating formations limiting movement of the second part relative to the first part, in the given direction along the pipe, once the second part has been slidably attached to the first part.

16. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 13 [15], wherein each [the arms] of the first and second parts has [are] interchangeable arms.

17. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein inner faces of the arms of one part have [a] series of spaced teeth, which are selectively engageable between corresponding teeth on outer faces of the arms of the other part.

18. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the teeth on the outer faces of the other part are within channels in the arms of the other part.

19. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the respective teeth are arranged so that the two parts of the device are [only] engageable in such a manner that [whereby] one part is prevented from slipping past the other part in the given direction.

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